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### **Idaho Winter Wheat Production Down 5 Percent from Last Year**

Idaho's 2012 winter wheat production is forecast at 59.9 million bushels, down 4 percent from last month's forecast and 5 percent below last year's crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This report is based on conditions as of June 1. The yield is forecasted to be 82 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month. Acres to be harvested, at 730,000, represent a 40,000 acre decrease from 2011.

Idaho hops strung for harvest in 2012 totaled 2,449 acres, up 8 percent from last year's harvested area of 2,265 acres.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast but 13 percent above 2011. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.3 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but up 1.1 bushels from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 1.02 billion bushels, is down 1 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter production is up slightly from last month and now totals 428 million bushels. White Winter production totals 231 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month. Of this total, 14.1 million bushels are Hard White and 217 million bushels are Soft White.

United States hops area strung for harvest in 2012 is forecast at 30,808 acres, 3 percent more than the 2011 crop of 29,787 acres.

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